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FOLLOWING REPEAT THE HAGUE 4823 SENT SECSTATE DATED SEPT 24.

QUOTE

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FOR DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY EAGLEBURGER

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SUBJECT: SECURITY PROTECTION AFFORDED PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS
AT OVERSEAS POSTS

REF: STATE 210312

1. SECURITY IN THIS MISSION IS A MAJOR PREOCCUPATION FOR ALL OF US, A CONCERN UNDERSCORED BY THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE NETHERLANDS HAS BEEN THE TARGET OF TERRORIST ACTIVITIES. WE ARE ENGAGED IN A CONTINUING EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN OUR SECURITY POSTURE. TO THIS END WE HAVE WORKED DIRECTLY WITH THE RSO, AS WELL AS WITH OTHER KEY EMBASSY OFFICERS, TO IMPLEMENT DEPARTMENT SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS, AND TO DEVELOP AND PUT INTO EFFECT ADDITIONAL MEASURES TAILORED TO SPECIFIC

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LOCAL NEEDS.

2. AS A RESULT WE HAVE SUCCEEDED IN MAKING THE CHANCERY PREMISES RELATIVELY SECURE, THOUGH SOME FURTHER SAFEGUARDS WOULD BE DESIRABLE, AND ARE WORKING TO ENSURE THAT ALL EMBASSY PERSONNEL UNDERSTAND OUR SECURITY PROGRAM AND CAN RESPOND ACCORDINGLY IN THE EVENT OF EMERGENCY. WE FULLY REALIZE THAT WE CANNOT AFFORD TO BE OVER-CONFIDENT, AND ARE CONVINCED THAT WE CAN AND MUST DO MORE TO IMPROVE OUR OVERALL SECURITY POSTURE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE PRESENT VULNERABILITY OF OUR AMERICAN RESIDENCES, INCLUDING MY OWN, SHOULD BE MITIGATED. AT PRESENT ONLY MY RESIDENCE, THAT OF THE DCM, AND OF OUR TWO CG'S IN ROTTERDAM AND AMSTERDAM HAVE ALARMS THAT RING IN POLICE HEADQUARTERS.

3. OUR EFFORTS TO ENHANCE THE EMBASSY'S SECURITY HAVE DRAWN THE FULL SUPPORT OF DUTCH GOVERNMENT AND POLICE AUTHORITIES. THEY HAVE IN THE PAST, AND I AM SURE WILL CONTINUE TO FURNISH PROTECTION IN EVENT OF EMERGENCY. WE CONSIDER THIS DUTCH COOPERATION TO BE AN INDISPENSABLE INGREDIENT OF OUR OVERALL SECURITY PROGRAM.

4. OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS UNDER THE PROGRAM COVERED BY FBO COUNTER-TERRORISM FUNDS WE HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY STRENGTHENED THE PUBLIC ACCESS AREA OF THE EMBASSY. IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE BULLET-RESISTANT FRONT ON MSG/RECEPTIONIST AREA; REPROGRAMMING ELEVATORS SO MSG MONITORS ALL PASSENGERS, THEREBY ELIMINATING UNOBSERVED ACCESS INTO CHANCERY OFFICES; ELECTRONIC LOCKING DEVICES AT MSG CONSOLE FOR ELEVATORS AND DOORS FROM LOBBY INTO CHANCERY WINGS; ALARMS IN MSG/RECEPTIONIST AREA WHICH RING DIRECTLY INTO POLICE HEADQUARTERS SIGNALING HOSTILE PRESENCE; CONSTRUCTION OF WOODEN PANELING OVER VULNERABLE GROUND FLOOR GLASS CAUSEWAY AND COURTYARD ENTRANCE AREA; INSTALLATION OF ELECTRONICALLY OPERATED METAL GATE OVER GLASS DOORS AND ADJOINING WINDOWS AT CHANCERY SIDE ENTRANCE AND CLOSURE OF THIS ENTRANCE EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCY OR SPECIAL CONFERENCE USE; AND ELECTRONIC CONTROL OF EMBASSY GARAGE (STILL TO BE COMPLETED IS INSTALLATION OF SIMILAR DEVICES ON CHANCERY MAIN ENTRANCE DOORS AND ON REAR GATES LEADING TO GARAGE); KIOSK AT REAR GATE FOR CONTRACT GUARD; AND DOUBLING HEIGHT OF REAR PROPERTY FENCE.

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5. NEVERTHELESS WE BELIEVE CERTAIN WEAKNESSES STILL REMAIN IN OUR WEST PROPERTY LINE AND AT THE REAR (GARAGE) ENTRYWAY. FOLLOWING PROJECTS, FOR WHICH I REQUEST 1976 FUNDS BE MADE AVAILABLE, WOULD REDUCE VULNERABILITY: CONSTRUCTION OF AN IRON FENCE ON THE WEST PROPERTY LINE (COST ESTIMATE: \$9800); INSTALLATION OF BARS ON FIRST AND SECOND FLOOR CHANCERY WINDOWS IN MOST VULNERABLE AREAS (COST FOR 20 WIN-

DOWS: ABOUT \$5000); ADDITION OF A METAL SLIDING GATE INSIDE CHANCER MAIN ENTRANCE GLASS DOORS/ADJOINING WINDOWS OR REPLACEMENT OF CURRENT GLASS WITH LEXLAN BULLET-RESISTANT GLASS (APPROXIMATELY \$7000); DIRECT ALARM FROM REA KIOSK TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS (COST \$1100).

6. SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS CONSIDERED BUT COSTS ADJUDGED PROHIBITIVE BY POST INCLUDE: DOUBLE ENTRANCE DOOR ARRANGEMENT AT CHANCERY LOBBY (COST \$10,000); BULLET-RESISTANT GUARD KIOSK AT REAR ENTRANCE (COST \$8000).

7. THE MSG DETACHMENT HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED AN ADDITIONAL MAN AND WE ARE CURRENTLY STUDYING WHETHER IT WOULD BE PRUDENT TO SET UP A NEW WATCHSTAND PROVIDING WORKING-HOURS MSG SURVEILLANCE OF THE REAR ENTRANCE.

8. WE HAVE REQUESTED BUT NOT YET RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING TECHNICAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT WHICH SHOULD ADD TO OUR OVERALL SECURITY: CCTV SYSTEM TO SURVEY THE CHANCERY GROUNDS; PERIMETER INTRUSION ALARM; AND MINI X-RAY MACHINE FOR MAIL CONTROL. THE FIRST IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT.

9. AMCONGEN AMSTERDAM: THE POST HAD ADEQUATE PROTECTION FROM HOSTILE ELEMENTS. CONSULAR OFFICE EMPLOYEES CONDUCT BUSINESS THROUGH BULLET-RESISTANT GLASS; THE ALTERNATE ENTRY IS ELECTRONICALLY CONTROLLED; FENCING PROTECTS THE PROPERTY; AND CONGEN IS EQUIPPED WITH ALARMS THAT RING DIRECTLY INTO POLICE HEADQUARTERS TO SUMMON IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE.

10. AMCONGEN ROTTERDAM: THE POST HAS AN ALARM SYSTEM THAT RINGS DIRECTLY INTO POLICE HEADQUARTERS, A CONTRACT INTRUSION ALARM SYSTEM, BUT NO ACCESS CONTROLS. WE ARE SEEKING NEW CONGEN PREMISES AND NO SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CURRENTLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LEASED OFFICES ARE CONTEMPLATED. HOWEVER, DURING THE NEXT VISIT OF THE REGIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICER WE PLAN TO ASK HIM TO SURVEY THE CONGEN TO DETERMINE WHETHER SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS/EQUIPMENT COULD EFFECTIVELY BE UTILIZED AND ACQUIRED AT REASONABLE COST.GOULD UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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